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# ROLL CALL

IN  
REA'S  
FLAG

AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

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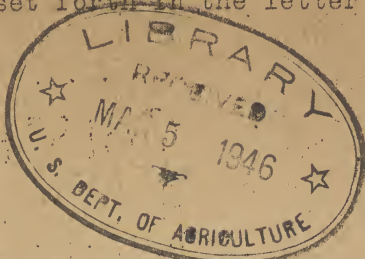
## MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Members of the REA Now In The Armed Forces

From: The Administrator

I am quite sure each of you will be interested in knowing that we are backing up in actual practice what I set forth in the letter I gave each of you upon your departure from REA.

REA-ly, yours for Victory!



Sincerely yours,

Harry Slattery  
Administrator

(The following memorandum was distributed to members of REA's staff April 12, 1944)

Office of the Administrator  
Memorandum to the Staff

As you know, under established law, veterans of our Armed Forces from the REA who are honorably discharged are entitled to their previous positions or the equivalent. In addition to this cold letter of the law, there is the principle of warm REA understanding. These men have served their country nobly and they are entitled to every reasonable consideration upon their return to REA. In addition, at the time they left REA to enter the Armed Service, I presented each one with a personal letter stating that we would welcome him back gladly when his services were no longer needed in uniform.

Even though a Veteran may have left a particular job in a particular division, I request each Division Chief and his assistants to give him every courtesy, consideration, and encouragement when he seeks information about various positions or applies for a position in a particular division, although it may not be the identical one he vacated.

I know everyone in REA is proud of the record of the young men and women who are in the Armed Services. Every respect and courtesy should be extended to them by all of us when they return.

Harry Slattery  
Administrator

## "FOX HOLE" COLLEGE OFFERS FREE CATALOGUE

Seventy-six noted colleges and universities are now making their extension courses available to the enlisted personnel of the Army through the Army Institute. Over 700 high school and college courses are listed in a catalogue published recently and obtainable by writing to the U. S. Army Institute, Madison, Wisconsin. The catalogue is free.

## THE LEWISES

## ARE THREE

Lt. (J.G.) and Mrs. Will Alex Lewis announce the arrival of Elizabeth Rose Lewis, who weighed in April 1, 1944 at 8 lb. 1 oz. Lt. Lewis was promoted recently from the rank of Ensign. He is on furlough from the Technical Standards Division.

## REA GIRL'S

## BROTHER DIES

## HEROICALLY

Sgt. Este I. Nienaber of Columbia, Mo., who drowned in a river in Burma when only a few feet from safety rather than cry for help and give the position of his Allied comrades to the enemy. Was the brother of Ruby M. Nienaber, a secretary in REA's Associate Solicitor's Office. Sgt. Nienaber, a glider crew chief, could not swim and was being aided across the stream when he became separated from his escort. He sank without a sound, though help was near.

When You Write the Roll Call, Please Address it at 661 Boatmens Bldg., St. Louis 2, Mo.



# PARAGRAPHS

Capt. John F. Atkinson has invented a mechanism known as a "Hot Line Carrier Current Coupling Device" and a patent on it was recently awarded to him.

Staff Sgt. Marylee Duncan came through St. Louis recently on her way to Washington and was invited to lunch by Natalie Gammon and Terry Polawski. Sgt. Duncan paid the check, however. It was the day before payday so the others didn't object too strenuously.

Pvt. Dave Cohen is taking an ocean trip on the Pacific.

Lt. Frank L. Carlson's work throws him in contact with many Texans. Says Frank: "They spend most of their time tooting their horn on the merits of the Lone Star State. Can't figure out why that state needs so much boosting!"

Elmer Eriksson says that the English terrain reminds him of Pennsylvania but the climate is like Washington.

Randall Leon has received an honorable discharge from the Army and is back at his desk in Design and Construction.

Correction! Pvt. Al O'Donnell is in Australia, not England. His better half recently was added to REA's staff. Al visits her relatives down under when he finds time.

George Knoblach has seen so many islands in the Pacific that he has lost his liking for any piece of land surrounded by water. "Now I even hate Coney Island," says George.

Bill Bryant, a porter when he was with REA, has been promoted to Coxswain Third Class in the Navy (see "Going Up")

Darrell Johnson points out that Westray Battle Boyce, former REAer, is now a Lieut. Colonel on General Eisenhower's staff and why wasn't her name on our address list? Answer: Col. Boyce did not enter the service immediately after leaving REA; thus she is not on furlough from REA. But we're all proud of her, nonetheless!!

Lt. Walt Carpenter wants it known that he is still single, despite all reports.

Don Basler got a chance to visit London last week. Don is in his fourth year away from REA.

Warner Smith's sister has joined the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. Says he: "All but one of my mother's brood are now in the war."

## GOING UP!

In this column the Roll Call publishes names of REA furlough-ees who have received a promotion in rank. Please send names and new rank to the Roll Call, 661 Boatmen's Building, St. Louis 2, Mo.

Capt. John F. Atkinson  
Staff Sgt. George W. Knoblach, USMC  
Pfc. John V. Kelly  
Coxswain 3/c William C. Bryant  
Lt. (J.G.) Will A. Lewis  
Sgt. Herman Kuchler  
1st Lt. Frank L. Carlson

## LEWIS

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"The rainy season is just drawing close," he says. "We have had two earthquakes here lately and it has been an experience. Also, a volcano on an island erupted. Everything was covered with a dusty layer of volcanic ash."

"Nothing exciting to report."

## CHESTER LAKE JOINS NAVY

Chester Lake has passed all examinations preparatory to entering the Navy's V-6 Training Course. He will report on June 10th for a month at boot camp and will later receive training in electronics.

(P. S. We mean Chester Lake, Junior.)

## FROM BAR TO RAIL WITH LAWYER WISE

Pvt. Bill Wise has arrived at Camp Barkely, Tex., and is now assigned to a railhead company.

Says he: "A railhead company is a combat unit that goes forward with the attacking forces and establishes a railhead at the most advanced point that can be reached by rail. There it receives all of the supplies required by the attacking troops and breaks them down, deciding how much should go to each outfit. Then it hauls the stuff up to the front, making trips every day."

"I was on K.P. Friday. Scrubbed pots and pans from 6 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. with three 20-minute intervals off for eating. I slept very well that night."

Please write the Roll Call if you know the present address of any of the following men: Albert F. Smith, John A. Williams, Norman W. Levine, Charles I. Rembar, George Ostrow, Jules R. Shade, Henry B. Hare, Willard L. Congdon, Norris B. Cresswell, Henry L. Thompson.

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## DON'T FORGET

to write us when you change your address or receive a promotion. Our address is on the other side. A postal will do, if you don't have time for a letter.